

reading of the same, in the presence of Richard Wright and John Casety,²³ who have signed as witnesses.

his
Pierre P C Cardinal
name in abbreviation

Richard Wright

his
Pierre X Drouillard
mark

John Casety

T. Williams Notary

Appended: Entered by the recorder of Detroit in register
No. 2, folios 96 & 97, by me,

T. Williams

Endorsed: Sale of a tract of land by Pierre Cardinal to
Pierre Drouillard, April 2, 1781.

²³ John Casety was the son of James Casety, who came to Detroit some time prior to the Revolution. In 1771, according to Farmer (*op. cit.*, 78), and for several years thereafter, he cultivated a farm on Belle Isle, as tenant of Lieutenant George McDougall, who had acquired title to the island in 1768. Prior to this (in 1769) Casety had purchased a lot on St. Peter Street. He accumulated considerable property, among other items being a farm at Windmill Pointe, bought in 1777 of James Sterling. Soon after this Casety, like Sterling, was accused of disloyalty to the Crown and sent in irons to Quebec, where after some three years' imprisonment, he succeeded in making his escape to the United States. Probably because of this trouble, Casety removed his family from Detroit after the Revolution; he died, probably in New York, some years prior to 1824.

John Casety, the subject of our present sketch, became clerk and subsequently partner to Thomas Williams of Detroit, for whom see *ante*, 169. Williams died, Nov 30, 1785, leaving considerable property which, according to the Williams family tradition, was dissipated through the incompetence or rascality of Casety. See *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, XXIX, 492. Quite possibly he was innocent of both charges, for he himself died shortly after Williams, and the affairs of the firm, thus deprived of both its members, were left deeply involved. The London merchants to whom it was indebted consigned their interests to Alexander Henry of Montreal, who in turn deputed them to James Fraser of Detroit. About the same time, Mrs. Casety gave power of attorney to James McIntosh to represent her interests and he obtained possession of the books of the firm. Fraser was unable to gain access to them, and many years later he was still vainly seeking formal release from the responsibility he had assumed in connection with the affair. One of the debtors of Casety was Francis Vigo of Vincennes, who figures prominently in Askin's commercial transactions.

Casety married Therese Baby, daughter of Jacques Duperon Baby. When he died, in 1787, leaving her a widow at twenty years of age, she called for the Bible on which to swear she would never marry again. In 1795, notwithstanding, she married Capt. Thomas Allison, and died at Quebec in 1847. Information adapted from *Mich. Pio. Colls.*, *passim*; mss. in Burton Hist. Coll.; and letter of Thomas Casety, a son of John, printed in the *Quarterly Journal* of the New York Historical Association, VI, 295-96.